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(57) **ABSTRACT**

The invention provides methods of transplanting multipo-  
tent neural stem cell progeny to a host by obtaining a  
population of cells derived from mammalian neural tissue  
containing at least one multipotent CNS multipotent neural  
stem cell; culturing the neural stem cell in a culture medium  
containing one or more growth factors which induce mul-  
tipotent neural stem cell proliferation; inducing proliferation  
of the multipotent neural stem cell to produce neural stem  
cell progeny which includes multipotent neural stem cell  
progeny cells; and transplanting the multipotent neural stem  
cell progeny to the host. Also provided are methods of  
transplanting neural stem cell progeny to a host by obtaining  
an in vitro cell culture containing CNS neural stem cells  
where one or more cells in the culture (i) proliferates in a  
culture medium supplemented with one or more mitogens,  
(ii) retains the capacity for renewed proliferation, and (iii)  
maintains the multipotential capacity, under suitable culture  
conditions, to differentiate into neurons, astrocytes, and  
oligodendrocytes; and transplanting the one or more cells to  
the host.

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